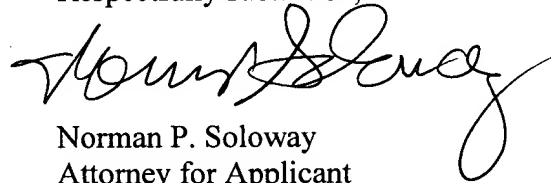


between the organic layer and cathode, hereby achieving a stable interface state between the organic layer and cathode. Since an interface is "a surface forming a common boundary between adjacent regions, bodies, substances or faces" (American Heritage® Dictionary, 4th Edition, copy of excerpt enclosed), and the device of Arai et al. does not have oxygen located within a common surface of the organic layer and the cathode, Arai et al. cannot be said to teach or render obvious claims 1, 2 and 3, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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